

Pentecost

Communion Sunday

June 5, 2022



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FRESNO
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Raygan Baker

WELCOME

Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us?

Text “New” to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.

Does your infant or toddler need a minute, a change, or a good cry?

Don’t worry, we’ve (literally) all been there.

The service is livestreaming in our Caring Room (Room 1) nearby, where there is space and supplies to help get what your child needs.

(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

Prelude

“Partita on EBENEZER” - J. Behnke
Theme; Pedal Solo; Bicinium; Fanfare

Scott Horton, organ

“Song of Joy” - A. Sherman

FCCF Handbells

Welcome

Rev. Raygan Baker

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Char Lund

Vibrant God, alive God,
God of visions and dreams,

God of intimacy,
God of sustaining connections,

God of birdsong and whale song,
God of dance, laughter, art, and play:

Pour your Spirit of Life upon us,
that in our gathering we might live the joy of holy relationship.

***Hymn**

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

#267, pew hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Char Lund

***Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.***

Passionate Spirit, we have witnessed too much destruction and felt too much grief to devote ourselves to systems that betray thriving. Give us imaginations and awaken our senses to your creative presence, that we might build a community that serves only your life-giving ways. Amen.

(A silence is held for personal prayer and reflection)

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Special Music “Lord, I Ring My Praise to Thee” -H. Starks

FCCF Handbells

Time for Discovery

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.**

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Holy Communion

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The peace of Christ be with you,
and also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen*

Breaking, Pouring, Feasting

Thanksgiving After the Meal

*Holy God,
Thank you for the gifts your have poured out for us:
For the gift of your Holy Spirit blowing throw us and our world;
For the witness of people everywhere who are touched by your Spirit;
And for the gift of this meal, a living symbols of your love for us.
May it make us strong enough to show this love to ourselves and our
neighbors. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

Liturgist: Char Lund

Sermon

*Hymn

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

#286, pew hymnal

Invitation to Prayer

Sung Call to Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying:
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying:
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

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Prayers of the Church

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Char Lund

Here at the Big Red Church, everyone counts, and every gift counts!



- ⇒ *There are two donation boxes and giving envelopes for your gifts in the Narthex (the area where an usher handed you an Order of Worship).*
- ⇒ *You can also give through the Givelify App by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera.*
- ⇒ *BigRedChurch.org/Giving/ has more instructions, links, and information about giving to the church. Thank you for supporting and joining in the ministry of this church.*

Offertory

“Spirit Song” arr. J. Carter

Scott Horton, piano

*Doxology

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Blessing and Sung Benediction**

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude

Postlude "Fugue, from Partita on EBENEZER" Scott Horton, organ
We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D Last time, end

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con-found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom-en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 to Refrain

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo-ple a - rise.



Big Red Community Summer Kickoff!

Saturday, June 11

2pm - 6pm

Join the Ministry of Church Life as we ring in the summer season!

There will be games, food, music, prizes,
information about the church, and much more!

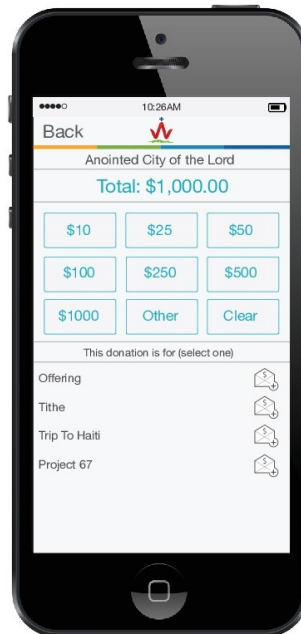
Tell your friends and family! All are welcome!

How To Make Your First Givelify Donation

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- 6 Tap Give Now
- 7 Create your account



- 8 Securely enter your payment information
- 9 Complete your donation

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This Week at Big Red

Monday, June 6

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Thursday, June 9

- ♦ No Events

Tuesday, June 7

- ♦ No Events

Friday, June 10

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Wednesday, June 8

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions Due

Saturday, June 11

- ♦ **2:00pm:** Summer Kickoff!

Sunday, June 12

- ♦ **9:00am:** Exploration Hour (Various)
- ♦ **10:00am:** Worship (Sanctuary)

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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation. We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.